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16th May 2011

To All Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Revised Uniform Expectations from September 2011

You will be aware that this year The Manor introduced a new uniform for all Year 7 students comprising a white shirt, school tie, burgundy sweatshirt, black trousers, black socks and black shoes. The changes to the uniform have been a **resounding success**. The students look much smarter and this has been commented on by many members of the community. The new uniform also represents a **significant cost saving** to you as parents/carers during difficult financial times.

The principal aims behind the original “rolling” change to the uniform were:

- to create a consistent uniform across the whole school i.e. not a different one for ‘lower’ and ‘upper’ school;
- to improve the perception of the school and its students in the local community and further afield;
- to provide **a cost saving to parents and carers**;
- to prepare students for work in a professional environment.

However, due to the success of the Year 7 uniform this year, I hereby announce that the uniform will be rolled out *throughout Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 in school from the 1st September 2011.*

To clarify: from September the uniform for all years except the ‘new’ Year 11 will consist of:

- Black **shoes – no trainers**. These can be purchased from £10 from the supermarkets.
- Black trousers (purchasable at any retail clothing outlet e.g. Tesco, Asda). **Leggings and jeans are not permitted.**
- A white shirt (short sleeved shirts advised). A minimum of three to five shirts will make things easier. These packs of shirts are very cheap indeed. **Blouses are not acceptable as they do not accommodate the wearing of a tie.**
- Burgundy Jumper with The Manor logo (purchasable from the school) at cost price.

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- The Manor school clip on tie (first tie free of charge from the school) subsequent replacements at £3.50 (cost price).

Further to this it will be necessary to purchase a PE kit from the school. This will consist of:

- The existing grey Manor polo shirt (at a reduced price) or a plain white T-Shirt.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts NO OBVIOUS LOGOS (purchasable from any retail sports or clothing outlet) at much reduced prices.

This 'new' uniform represents a significant saving to parents/carers as illustrated in the charts below.

The following prices are based on prices from a local retailers' website for a student aged 13-14 years

Current Uniform:

Item	Cost to Parent/Carer
Plain Black Shoes/Trainers	Variable
Black Trousers	£10 for pack of 2 school trousers (Tesco or Asda)
School polo shirt	£22.50 for a pack of 3 + £7.50 each
School jumper	£12.25
School PE polo shirt	£10.50 each
Tracksuit bottoms	£11.00
The Manor icon sweatshirt	£13
Trainers for PE	£10-40 approx

New Uniform:

Item	Cost to Parent/Carer
Plain Black shoes	Variable
Black Trousers	£10 for pack of 2 school trousers (Tesco or Asda)
White shirt	£9.50 for 3 pk of non iron short sleeved shirts
School jumper	£10.95
School PE polo	£7.50
Trainers for PE only	£10-40 approx
Tracksuit bottoms	£7 plain black tracksuit bottoms

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All items sold by the School are at cost. We do not make any profit on uniform.

I am sure you can see for yourselves that the revised uniform meets the aims mentioned earlier by providing a smarter more professional looking uniform at a more affordable cost.

Senior students in Year 11 will also be given special gold or silver ties so they are recognised by all.

We look forward to receiving your full support on this issue in the new academic year.

Should you have any questions please contact the appropriate Leader of Learning for your child via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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